

May 26, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Present were: Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Jake Giardina
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer Francis Richard
Barry Soudelier Eli Miles, Jr.
Chris Domangue Lance Authement
Ray Mayet

Absent were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman; Donald Schwab; Scott LeBlanc

Also present were: Ryan Perque, FOBL; Josh Bordelon; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney; Alma Robicheaux, BTNEP
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Administrative Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell began the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Moved by Commissioner Jake Giardina, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of April 29, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the accounts payable for April. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the finance report for April. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Malbrough reported that we are still fully siphoning at the Pump Station and taking the necessary precautions to disinfect, for employee safety.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou crew employees are back and working to catch up on spraying the water hyacinths and removing downed trees in the bayou.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The responses to USACE relating to the Archaeological and Architectural report that was submitted to the USACE has been finalized. We are waiting on the State Historic Preservation Office to issue the identification number for the existing pump station because it is a historical structure. Once that number is received, we will be able to formally submit our responses. We are hopeful that USACE can then complete their review again within 2 or 3 weeks.

Mr. Malbrough reported the progress on the North Water Control Structure Project. There will be a meeting on-site with the Contractor and the Engineer to find a resolution to an issue that has come up with the gate. The scheduled completion date should not be affected and should still be finished early June.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the progress on the Weir Removal Project. We have received our Coastal Use Permit Authorization as well as our USACE permit. Therefore, from a regulatory standpoint, we are set to move forward once we receive the substantial completion on the North Water Control Structure. Then we can go to bid.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Sediment Trap Maintenance Dredging Project. After surveying, it is to the point now where it needs to be dredged. Delta Coast has completed the plans and specifications for the project, and it is now ready to go out for bid.

Mr. Malbrough asked the Board for authorization to go out for bid on the Sediment Trap Maintenance Dredging Project. The engineers estimate for the completion of the project is about \$250,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr. for authorization to go out for bid on the Sediment Trap Maintenance Dredging Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the proposals from Millage Management, LLC to manage the millage renewal for the 2020 Tax Year (Reassessment).

Mr. Malbrough asked the board to approve the proposals from Millage Management, LLC - Multi-Parish proposal for \$3,800.00 and Terrebonne Parish proposal for \$3,200.00.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the proposals from Millage Management, LLC- Multi-Parish proposal for \$3,800.00 and Terrebonne Parish proposal for \$3,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit was submitted by Jonathan Thibodaux to construct a wharf (10'wide x 110'long) along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the permit submitted by Jonathan Thibodaux to construct a wharf (10'wide x 110'long) along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit was submitted by Everet Doucet to construct a wharf, (16'wide x 10'long) along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Commissioner Eli Miles, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the permit submitted by Everet Doucet to construct a wharf, (16'wide x 10'long) along the bank of Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit was submitted by Kathleen Liebert to construct a dock structure (permanent) on property extending to the Bayou with a floating removable dock via a 6'walkway along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the permit submitted by Kathleen Liebert to construct a dock structure (permanent) on property extending to the Bayou with a floating removable dock via a 6'walkway along Bayou Lafourche in Thibodaux. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough stated that a permit was submitted by Hunt Telecommunications to bore two (2) conduits beneath Bayou Lafourche for the use of fiber optic cable in Lockport, and he recommended approval of the permit.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Commissioner Jake Giardina to approve the permit submitted by Hunt Telecommunications to bore two (2) conduits beneath Bayou Lafourche for the use of fiber optic cable in Lockport. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Nicholls bayou side project moving along
- Began permitting process on Napoleonville Project
- Public Floating Dock Park in front of the Country Club
- Erosion Control Option Brochure completed

Mr. Malbrough reported that we still have the \$765,000.00 in Capital Outlay for the Donaldsonville Pump Station project. The new administration of Ascension Parish Government is reviewing the project and has not given an indication that they will not move forward with the original arrangement that was in place with the previous administration.

Mr. Malbrough advised that there is no executive session tonight.

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell asked for any public comments. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer